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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC AGENT DETECTION PROBE AND PROBE SET, CARRIER, AND GENETIC SCREENING METHOD

The specification of which is attached hereto; or was filed on as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. and was amended on (if applicable).

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